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- 1. Communist forces in North Korea have built many beach defenses along the south bank of the Taedong River about 20 kilometers from its estuary; one major defense has been constructed near Sohaeri (125-07, 38-39) (XC-8480).
- 2. Sonaeri is a small village on a spit projecting from the south bank of the flatford River, near its mouth. Obstructions made from logs and steel-waste aud together have been placed in the sea about 30 meters from shore. Trenches have been built on a high place about 300 meters above sea level. These positions have been prepared by digging pits about 2 meters deep for the artillary pieces, and positions are camouflaged with trees and vines on top. Behind these positions about one battalion of troops have been stationed.
- 3. These beach defenses are controlled from an observation post at Sŏhaeri. This observation post is a windmill-shaped, high, wooden platform on high ground about 3 kilometers north of the sea. The platform is about 8 meters high and 9 meters square. Observers are stationed there at all times to watch United Nations' movements along the coast. An air-raid shelter, 4 meters wide and 3 meters deep has been built under this observation post, and a radio receiver and transmitter have been installed within it.

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